

Notice to Navigation Interests

Notice No.

Date:

CELRN-OP-N 04-14

29 April 2004

In Reply Refer To:

CELRN-OP-N PO Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070 (615) 736-5607

SUBJECT: Revised Procedures and Schedule of Operation for Melton Hill Lock, Clinch River Mile 23.1

Reference: Notice to Navigation Interests CELRN-OP-N 04-10, dated 17 March 2004, Subject: Changes to Hours of Operation for Fort Loudoun Lock, Tennessee River Mile 602.3.

Effective 16 May 2004, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will revise the lockage procedures and hours of operation for Melton Hill Lock.

The revised hours of operation for commercial vessels shall be 7:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Thursday. No lockages will be scheduled outside of the designated hours of operation or scheduled dates as outlined above. Lock availability for any requested lockage will be determined by staff availability. All lockages will be scheduled such that they can be completed within the designated hours of operation. Commercial operators must make arrangements with personnel at Fort Loudoun Lock a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in advance of their estimated arrival. Fort Loudoun Lock can be contacted Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm via marine radio or telephone at (865) 986-2762.

A schedule, designating twelve (12) days for recreational vessel lockages, will be developed annually in partnership with the Melton Hill Lake Users Association. The partial list of recreation lockage dates for 2004 as of the publishing of this Notice are as follows:

19 & 20 June (Saturday & Sunday) 01 July (Thursday)

07 July (Wednesday)

17 & 18 July (Saturday & Sunday)

The remaining six (6) days allowed for recreation vessels will be scheduled at a later date and posted on the Melton Hill Lock website (www.lrn.usace.army.mil/locks) by 1 June or you can contact Fort Loudoun Lock for the dates. Future schedules will also be posted on the web site as they become available.

(continued)

SUBJECT: Revised Procedures and Schedule of Operation for Melton Hill Lock, Clinch River Mile 23.1 (continued)

The designated hours of operation for recreation vessel lockage will be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All lockages will be scheduled such that they can be completed within the designated hours of operation. Arrangement for a recreation vessel lockage must be made by noon of the day preceding the scheduled lockage date. If the scheduled recreation lockage date is a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, arrangement for lockage must be made by noon of the preceding Friday. Weekend operations will not be conducted between 01 November and 30 April.

Additionally, recreation vessels will be allowed to lock through on any date a request for lockage by a commercial or US Government vessel operator has been made.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

- original signed -

JEFFREY D. ROSS Chief, Navigation Branch Operations Division

ARB